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SUBJ: DATE SET FOR OAU SUMMIT

1. PRIMIN MEBIAME TOLD ME JANUARY 17 THAT DATE FOR 1977
OAU SUMMIT HAS DEFINITELY BEEN SET AS FIRST HALF OF JULY.
HE ADMITTED GOG HAD ATTEMPTED SECURE POSTPONEMENT UNTIL
AUGUST TO PERMIT ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
NECESSARY FACILITIES, BUT OTHER HEADS OF STATE HAD DEMURRED
ON GROUNDS CONFLICT WITH VACATIONS AND OTHER PLANS. PM
EXPRESSED GUARDED OPTIMISM THAT MOST FACILITIES WOULD BE
READY BY EARLY JULY, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EARLY
START (HOPEFULLY MID-MAY) ON DRY SEASON MIGHT BE NEEDED
TO ACHIEVE THIS RESULT.

2. PM WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ATTENDANCE, PREDICTING THAT "ABOUT 40" OF OAU HEADS OF STATE WOULD BE PRESENT AT LIBREVILLE SUMMIT. HE RECALLED THAT MANY CHIEFS OF STATE HAD STAYED AWAY FROM KAMPALA BECAUSE OF UNWILLINGNESS ASSOCIATE CLOSELY WITH AMIN AND FROM MAURITIUS BECAUSE OF RAMGOOLAM'S STATUS AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN CHIEF OF STATE. THUS, HE CONTINUED, LIBREVILLE WOULD BE FIRST OPPORTUNITY IN THREE YEARS FOR ALL OAU MEMBER STATES TO BE REPRESENTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT HIGHEST LEVEL WITHOUT ANY QUALMS, AND HE THUS EXPECTED NEARLY ALL CHIEFS OF STATE WOULD ATTEND.STEIGMAN

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